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Army Olympian Profile: Sgt. Tuffield “Tuffy” Latour



**Men’s Bobsled
Head Coach**

**Date of birth:
June 24, 1968**

**Hometown:
Saranac Lake, N.Y.**

**Military Occupation:
Carpenter**

**Military Rank:
Sergeant E-5**

2002 Winter Olympics Finish: Gold Medal, USA II

Sgt. Latour is the Head Coach for the 2002 U.S. Olympic Men’s Bobsled team, formerly the driving coach for the U.S. Women’s Team. His coaching achievements over the past three years include:

- Gold, Silver, Bronze medals at the US Bobsled Olympic Trials 2001
- 6 Gold, 3 Silver, and 3 Bronze medals at the 2001/2000 World Cups
- Silver medal at the 2000/2001 World Championships
- US Women’s Bobsled Team named USOC Team of the Month in 2001, 2000, 1999
- 5 Gold, and 3 Silver medals at the 2000/1999 World Cups

Sgt. Latour has 8 years experience as a bobsled driver with top 10 finishes in 2-man and 4-man Europa Cup, World Cup, World Championships and World Push Championships between 1993 and 1997. In 1992, he was ranked 5th in the U.S., and he is the track record-holder at Lake Placid (54.72). He has also competed in Skeleton, placing 1st at the 1996 U.S. National Push Championships.

Sgt. Latour is a member of the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program. He entered the Army in June 1995 after prior service with the U.S. Air Force where he completed basic training in December 1986 and advanced individual training in February 1987. He is a graduate of the Air Force Noncommissioned Officer Leadership School and a 2001 honor graduate of the Army Basic NCO Course. When he is not on active duty, he is a member of the Vermont National Guard.

Sgt. Latour’s grandfather was a member of the 1948 U.S. Olympic Bobsled team as a driver. He says he loves the sport because “of my family history in bobsled and the feeling I’ve had ever since I started the sport – I was born to bobsled and be a coach.”

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